

702 KAR 5:010. Pupil transportation: technical assistance and monitoring.

RELATES TO: KRS 156.160, 157.370, 189.540

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 156.070, 156.160, 157.370

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 156.160 and 189.540 require the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations relating to the physical welfare and safety of public school children, the transportation of children to and from school, and the operation of school buses. KRS 157.370 establishes the method of calculating transportation costs for the state public school funding program. This administrative regulation establishes guidelines and procedures whereby the Department of Education may offer direct assistance to the school districts in these areas: service to the pupils, school bus safety, and economy of operation.

Section 1. The Department of Education may make safety inspections of school buses and special type vehicles either owned by the board or contracted to the board being used to transport pupils to and from school, held in reserve as substitutes for this purpose, or proposed for this purpose. If a school bus or special type vehicle is found to be in an unsafe condition, the department shall prohibit further use for the transportation of pupils until the conditions causing it to be unsafe have been corrected.

Section 2. The Department of Education may make inspections of bus driver training records. If a school bus driver training record is found to be out of compliance, the department may decertify a driver whose training records are out of compliance until proper corrections are made.

Section 3. All vehicles used for the transportation of pupils shall meet the minimum safety standards for Kentucky school buses of the same model year except as provided in 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2), or 702 KAR 5:130, Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. The Department of Education may make a district pupil transportation system survey or audit in any school district providing transportation for its pupils, or that is planning to provide transportation for its pupils.

Section 5. The Department of Education may require the superintendent of a school district to prepare or cause to be prepared: pupil transportation maps, bus route descriptions, and reports necessary for calculating the district's entitlement under the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky Program.

Section 6. The Department of Education shall be responsible for the training and approval of state school bus inspectors in accordance with the requirements established in 702 KAR 5:030. (1 Ky.R. 1049; eff. 6-11-75; Am. 11 Ky.R. 1875; eff. 7-9-85; 16 Ky.R. 197; 538; eff. 10-8-89; 17 Ky.R. 431; eff. 10-14-90; 2035; eff. 2-7-91; 18 Ky.R. 3026; 3387; eff. 6-7-92; 19 Ky.R. 1884; 2244; eff. 4-7-93; 29 Ky.R. 1340; eff. 1-16-2003; 33 Ky.R. 895; 1320; eff. 12-1-06.)